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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: John R. Liddicoat et al.
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING
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Examiner: Vy Q. Bui
Group Art Unit: 3773
Attorney's Docket No.: LIDDICOHN-123

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a five (5) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed December 22, 2008 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from January 22, 2009 to June 22, 2009.

A check in the amount of \$1,175.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

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